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Sanitary and quarantine regulations at Fuchau.

[No. 111.]

FUCHAU, CHINA, *July 12, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the sanitary and quarantine regulations adopted by the foreign consuls and the superintendent of customs (Tartar general) at this port.

Respectfully, SAMUEL L. GRACEY,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

Sanitary regulations for the port of Foochow.

FOOCHOW, CHINA, *June 29, 1901.*

The following regulations have been agreed to and sanctioned by the superintendent of customs and the treaty power consuls at the port, and are now published for the information and guidance of all concerned.

By order of the inspector general of customs.

WALTER LAY,
Commissioner of Customs.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, FOOCHOW, CHINA, *June 29, 1901.*

DEFINITIONS.

1. Port health officer shall mean the medical officer holding that appointment, the deputy port health officer, or such other medical officers as may be appointed to temporarily fulfill their duties.

2. An infected vessel is one which on arrival outside Sharp Peak has on board, or which has had on board within ten days of her arrival a case of cholera, typhus fever, yellow fever, or plague, or a person who might reasonably be suspected of being affected by any one of these diseases, or the dead body of a person who had been, or who might reasonably be suspected to have been, so affected.

3. A plague-infected vessel is an infected vessel as above, in which the disease existing (or having existed) is bubonic plague.

4. A suspected vessel is one which arrives outside Sharp Peak within ten days from her departure from an infected port, whether she has called at an intermediate port or not.

5. The Spiteful Island Quarantine Anchorage is that to the westward of Spiteful Island.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. Infected and suspected vessels on approaching Sharp Peak shall hoist the yellow flag at the fore, and this shall be kept flying until pratique has been granted by the port health officer.

2. No person shall be allowed to go on board or to leave an infected or suspected vessel without the sanction of the port health officer, nor shall such vessel be allowed to discharge or take in cargo, baggage, etc., without such sanction.

3. Pilots bringing in infected or suspected vessels shall not leave such vessels without authority to do so from the port health officer.

4. Infected and suspected vessels shall on arrival anchor within the Spiteful Island Quarantine Anchorage.

5. The port health officer will inspect vessels between the hours of 6 a. m. and 6 p. m. as soon as possible after their arrival. The master shall, on the port health officer's requisition, muster the officers, crew, and passengers, give every facility for the examination of the vessel, and afford all required information within his knowledge regarding the past and present sanitary condition of the vessel.

6. In the case of infected vessels, measures will be taken, under the direction of the port health officer, for the removal and isolation of all infected and suspected persons, for the removal of all infected bodies, and for the purification of the vessel; and the vessel shall not be released from quarantine until such purification has taken place and she has been in quarantine for a period not exceeding ten days from the date of the removal of the last infected case.

7. In the case of suspected vessels, should there be no case or suspicious case of infection found during inspection, the vessel shall (harbor notifications being complied with) be admitted to immediate practique. Should there be a suspicious case, the vessel becomes an infected vessel.

8. It rests with the superintendent of customs and the board of treaty consuls.

(*a*) To declare, when necessary, the infection of ports.

(*b*) To withdraw such declaration.

(*c*) To authorize such other precautions as may be expedient for the purpose of preventing either the importation or, in the event of an epidemic of disease in the ports, the exportation of disease.

The public will be informed of such declarations by means of a harbor notification.

The commissioner of customs (or other authority in the case of a foreign port) at the port declared infected will be informed by the Foochow commissioner in the case of a Chinese port, and by the consul of the nation concerned in case of a foreign port of the declaration of infection or its withdrawal.

9. Should any case of plague, cholera, typhus or yellow fever occur on board any vessel at Pagoda Anchorage or Nantai, the fact should be immediately notified to the harbor master, who may, on the advice of the port health officer, order such vessel to the Spiteful Island Quarantine Anchorage.

10. Relatives of patients will not be allowed to communicate with them in the hospital except by permission of the health officer.

11. The clothing of patients must be either burnt or thoroughly disinfected on their discharge from hospital.

12. The port health officer may grant permission to the relatives of deceased patient to view the body at a distance and to assist at the funeral.

13. The port health officer appointed by the superintendent of the customs and the treaty power consuls shall receive a fee of $25 for each vessel and $5 for each junk visited by him in carrying out these regulations, and this fee shall be collected by the imperial maritime custom from each vessel before it can be allowed to depart. A certificate shall be issued to each vessel examined without extra charge.

14. The Chinese authorities will provide a steam launch for the use of the health officer and the customs officials, and suitable accommodation for patients will be provided either afloat or on shore.

15. Any person who commits a breach of these regulations will be dealt with by the authorities to whose jurisdiction he is amenable.

COLOMBIA.

Report from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *August 21, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended August 20, 1901:

Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, 1 case; deaths, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever and yellow fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fairly good. The number of cases of malarial fever seems to have increased.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: August 14, steamship *John Wilson;* crew, 18; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. August 15, steamship *Banes;* crew, 17; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. August 17, steamship *Stillwater;* crew, 27; passengers from this port, 1; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, 2.

Respectfully, PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.